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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Title : BOTTOM ASSEMBLY FOR )  
AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 5,224,280 (PREMAN et al.), issued on July 6, 1993, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '280 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 4,372,058 (STUBBLEFIELD), issued on February 8, 1983, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 3, and 5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 4, line 44, to column 5, line 25, and Figs. 3, 8, and 9 of US '058 are cited as being pertinent.

German Patent No. 101 07 824 (WOLTER), granted on January 2, 2003, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Paragraphs 0061, 0062, and Fig. 9 of DE '824 are cited as being pertinent. An English language abstract, downloaded from esp@cenet, is attached.

U.S. Patent No. 4,342,158 (McMAHON et al.), issued on August 3, 1982, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 2 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 10, lines 22-26, and Fig. 3; and column 12, line 64, to column 13, line 37 of US '158 are cited as being pertinent.

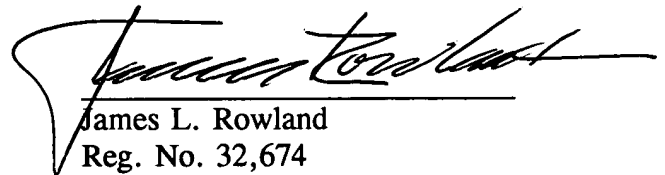
U.S. Patent No. 4,322,895 (HOCKERSON), issued on April 6, 1982, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '895 is cited as being pertinent. In addition, US '895 is mentioned in paragraph 0008 of the specification of the instant application.

A copy of DE '824 is attached. If the Examiner would additionally benefit from copies of the US patents, Applicants will gladly file same upon request. Further, each document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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